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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WILSON NAMED MBA DIRECTOR

CHARLESTON -- Mike Wilson of Charleston has been named director of the Masters of Business Administration (MBA) program offered by Eastern Illinois University's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

Wilson, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business from Eastern, is an instructor in Eastern's Department of Computer and Operations Management and president of Coles County Office Products, Inc., Charleston.

The Masters of Business Administration degree is designed to develop the knowledge common to all management positions. The purpose of the program is to prepare students for business careers and advanced study.

"Mr. Mike Wilson is prepared especially well to serve as coordinator of the MBA program. As a graduate of the program who has considerable business experience in the region, he understands the aspirations of students and the needs of business. He has also established an enviable record as an especially effective instructor in the business program in the last 11 years. I am confident the program will prosper under

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his leadership," said Ted Ivarie, dean of the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

Wilson serves on several departmental and college committees dealing with cultural diversity, curriculum development, faculty recognition and innovative teaching.

He is the advisor and secretary/treasurer of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society for collegiate schools of business.

Wilson also advises Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity and American Production and Inventory Control Society and is the former faculty advisor to Delta Mu Delta and the Society for Advancement of Management.

He said, "I am truly looking forward to serving in this new capacity. There are many exciting opportunities for continued development of the MBA program, and I'm delighted to be chosen as part of it."